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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kohei Asada et al.  
Serial No. : 10/706,772  
Filed : November 12, 2003  
For : METHOD OF REPRODUCING AUDIO SIGNAL AND  
REPRODUCING APPARATUS THEREFOR  
Group A.U. :  
Date : December 15, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
- ☐ Total claims in excess of 20 previously paid for, at \$18 (\$9) \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Independent claims in excess of 3 previously paid for, at \$86 (\$43) \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Additional Fee for this Amendment \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_ first month, \_\_\_\_ second month, \_\_\_\_ third month, \_\_\_\_ fourth month, \_\_\_\_ fifth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. Applicants Petition for an extension, and the fee of \_\_\_\_ \$110 (\$55), \_\_\_\_ \$420 (\$205), \_\_\_\_ \$950 (\$465), \_\_\_\_ \$1,450 (\$725), \_\_\_\_ \$1,970 (\$985) is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ The fee of \$ \_\_\_\_ set by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for the Information Disclosure Statement is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_ is attached.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 7 of this Amendment.